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SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1906.

More About Mr. Green's Report.
Councilman Green again made a deplorable exhibition of himself at the Town Council meeting on Monday night, when he permitted his temper to get the better of judgment and indulged in some more personalities of a kind not becoming in a public official. Mr. Green again brought up the subject of his queer water department report, which, so far as it is made to show a large profit to the water department, is generally discredited. Mr. Green submitted affidavits from Tax Collector Frank Foster and Town Treasurer Harry L. Osborne certifying that the statistics appearing in the report were correct copies of the records.

The submission of the affidavits was a superfluous piece of work and of no importance whatever, for no one ever questioned the correctness of the figures. The point at issue is Mr. Green's manipulation of the statistics with a view to making it appear that the water department is making a large profit.

Councilman Murray has time and again ridiculed Mr. Green's figures, and demonstrated that if the water department was obliged to reimburse the town treasury for money advanced to it, there would be no profit at all. Mr. Murray said Monday night that in so far as Mr. Green's report purported to be an abstract from the town records he did not question its correctness, and had no objection to raise against the filing of the report; but, said Mr. Murray, if the purpose of the report is to make it appear that there is a surplus in the water department available for expenditures in the extension of water mains, I do object decidedly to the filing of the report.

Mr. Murray's impression is (and many others are of the same mind) that Mr. Green is trying to evade and get around the law limiting expenditures for water main construction. The law provides that the Council can issue bonds to the amount of \$5,000 annually for the extension of water mains. Mr. Green wants to expend nearly three times that sum, and by a vote of five to three motions have been put through the Town Council that will assist in evading the instructions of the law.

One of the most dangerous of these motions was to the effect that the profits of the water department be used in water main extension, in addition to the amount realized from bonds. This motion opened the way for juggling water department statistics that will show any amount of profit that a clique or ring interested in a big pipe job wanted to show.

Messrs. Murray, Davis and Farrand fought obstinately against the adoption of such a scandalous piece of legislation, but arguments and appeals to reason were of no avail. Mr. Green simply answered them with his four votes.

The result of the dangerous motion is apparent in the prompt production of a report manipulated in a way to deceive the people into believing that the water department has made a profit of about \$6,000. This, added to the \$5,000 to be raised by bonds, will give \$11,000, and that is the sum it is proposed to expend in water main construction.

It is useless for Messrs. Murray, Farrand and Davis to waste any more time in trying to convince their colleagues that the whole proceeding being engineered by Mr. Green is illegal and scandalous and making the Councilmen liable to indictment.

The only way to do with men who are impervious to reason is to apply to the courts for a writ restraining the carrying out of the big pipe job.

A Successful Water Plant.
Advocates of municipal ownership can find many arguments in favor of their cause in the water department operated by New Brunswick. This department is not only self-sustaining, but annually pays over about \$30,000 to the city to help pay its running expenses. This year the department has spent nearly \$30,000 in improving its system, by laying new mains, but this week it turned \$30,000 over to the city. The members of the Board of Water Commissioners, who are elected by the Common Council and who have charge of the water department, are now considering the installation of a filtering plant, to cost about \$75,000. The assets of the department are over \$1,000,000.

New Naturalization Law.

Persons who have neglected perfecting their citizenship rights had better get busy and procure their final papers before September 29, when the new naturalization law goes into effect. The new law is far more drastic than any previous legislation by Congress on the subject of admitting citizens to the United States. The provision which will tend most toward lessening the number of applicants has to do with qualifications. Besides the requirements of the former law in regard to the applicant residing in the United States for five years, residing in the State of New Jersey for twelve months previous to his application, having a good moral character, renouncing allegiance to his former country and taking the oath to support the Constitution, which having a sufficient knowledge of the manner in which this country is governed to satisfy the judge he is fitted for citizenship, he must now also be able to sign his own name and to speak the English language. It is likely that the former provision will be a slight bar to the admittance of citizens, but the latter will probably prove to be a severe stumbling block, if the law is strictly enforced.

The New Court House.

Although the decorators have not yet finished their work on the new Essex County Court House, the old one was vacated on Saturday last, and hereafter all the official business of the county, including the courts, will be conducted in the new building. It is now stated that the demolition of the ancient Egyptian structure will begin on Monday next, and when this is accomplished the white front of the new court house will be visible in its entirety. The removal of the records from the old building to the new was performed with great energy and dispatch. Immediately at noon of Saturday, the regular time for closing on that day, the work of removal began, and by nine o'clock at night everything was in order in the new structure, and when the lawyers and others having business there arrived on Monday morning, they were surprised to find everything in readiness for continuing their work. The furniture in the old court house was sold at auction one day this week, and brought ridiculously low prices, some of the chairs selling as low as ten cents apiece.

Church Services.

J. George Batzle will preach in the Watsessing M. E. Church to-morrow morning and evening.

The last of the special summer services will be held in Unity Church, Montclair, to-morrow, when John Spargo of Yonkers will speak on the theme, "Is the Present Wage System the Final Stage of Human Progress?" Mr. Spargo, prepared for the ministry of the Church of England, but turned aside when his views became socialistic. He is the author of the new and authoritative work on "Socialism," just issued.

Rev. Charles A. Cook will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist Church at both services to-morrow.

Elks' Outing.

The annual outing of Bloomfield Lodge, Order of Elks, will be held at Olympic Park on August 30th. The following is the menu that will be served on that occasion:

Tomatoes,	Mockturtle Soup,	Pickles,
Olives,	Cold Ketchup Salmon,	
Sauce Remoulade,	Filet of Beef a la Maitre d'Hotel,	
Roast Chicken,	Green Corn,	
Punch Room,	Roast Philadelphia Potatoes,	
Ice Cream,	Sauces a la Maitre d'Hotel,	
Coffee,	Cake,	
Special trolley cars will leave the Centre at six o'clock P. M.		

Realty Notes.

Charles W. Martin has purchased the property in Thomas' street, Maolis avenue and Berkeley avenue owned by the Essex County Trust Company.

L. Jerome Almar has sold his house in Walnut street to Johannes Muhl, Sr.

The Sprague Electric Company has plans out for a large addition to the Watsessing plant.

The John M. Dodd estate property is said to be in the market.

Robert Kay has purchased one of the Franklin street brick row houses.

Julia Baldwin has sold a lot in Newark avenue to John S. Moore.

William M. Taylor has sold a lot in Davy street to P. Janiszinski.

Philip J. Bowers has sold a lot in Watsessing avenue to Nicola D'Elia.

Anna D. Pankhurst has sold her Willow street property to the Empire Cream Separator Company.

Abraham Day has sold his property at the Centre to George Bentler. The consideration supports the \$300 per foot front value for Centre property.

Louis Balg has sold his house in Willow street to John Day.

The Franklin Hill Company has sold a house in Willard avenue to Charles E. Simmons.

Marion M. Merton has sold a house in Orchard street to William W. Diamond.

Catherine Dunigan has sold her house in Orange street to Della Martin.

Emil Baensch has sold a house in Sycamore street to Lawrence Hesterfer.

Leonard Weber has sold his house in Race street to Ludwig Balg.

Albert Taylor has sold his house in Willow street to Adam Zelenka.

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Smith's Square Deal.

A shining motto of the new idea party is "A square deal for every man," and one of the slogans of the same party is "Down with the bosses." The changes are loudly and constantly rung on the above phrases at every meeting of the new idea party followers, and never fail to bring out cheers and applause.

Former Freeholder Frank F. Smith of the Eighth ward of Newark, notwithstanding a long experience in politics and with politicians, was captivated by the catchy terms of the new idea party leaders and orators, and entered with zeal into the work of hurrying so-called bosses from power and securing a square deal for every man.

After a period of warfare in the interests of holy politics, Mr. Smith announces his withdrawal from the ranks of the political saint, and his declarations indicate that he has discovered some hypocrisy in the hierarchy of the "unco" good in the matter of casting out bosses, and he has reached the conclusion that there is much buncombe in the new doctrine of the square deal. Early in the year Mr. Smith's friends took him up as a candidate for the office of county supervisor, and worked hard and earnestly to secure him the nomination. Here in Bloomfield, where he is well known, the new idea men entered zealously into the work to secure the nomination for him, and the Bloomfield delegates to the conference in August, at which the new idea ticket was made, were all for Smith, and felt sore over the manner of his defeat.

Mr. Smith has made public the story of his experience among the new idea men, and his exposure of a system of bossism of a most arbitrary kind controlling the new idea party is astounding. Halcyon street in its palmy days never even approached such distasteful down to the matter of naming a party ticket. Mr. Smith's own story is as follows: "About a week before the conference was held in the New Auditorium I met Mr. Colby and had a conversation with him over the endorsement by the conference for supervisor. He told me that he had promised the nomination to Arthur Heller, and wanted me to get out of the race. I said I had enough votes to get the endorsement, and would stay in to the finish. Senator Colby said: 'Well, then, we will beat you.' I said that if I was beaten in a square deal I would submit.

"About five o'clock of the afternoon of the conference I was at the Colby headquarters when Mr. Colby said he wanted to see me and took me into a private room, and he again told me he wanted me to get out of the supervisor race. I said I would not. 'All right, we'll beat you,' said the Senator. 'You are a bigger boss than Lantz ever was,' I said. 'I have a right to express my choice,' the Senator said. 'Yes,' I said, 'but you have no right to call in delegates and instruct them as to whom they should support.'

Mr. Smith is positive that he did not get a square deal in the conference. He says that at the close of the roll call on the first regular ballot he had a majority, but instead of announcing the vote Chairman Martin asked if any delegates wished to change their vote and some did, "and I was beaten," says Mr. Smith, "in what I believe was an unjust and unfair manner, and by a bigger boss than Major Lantz ever was."

Mr. Smith has lost his enthusiasm in the cause of smashing bosses, and his admiration for the "square deal" is somewhat lukewarm. He has returned to the ranks of the regular Republican organization and will vote for an Essex county man for United States Senator, and he believes that Senator John F. Dryden should be returned to the United States Senate.

Landlord and Tenant.

Isaac Bradley and his landlord, Thomas Brunetti of Bloomfield avenue, got into an argument last Saturday night over a dispossession notice. The case was taken to the police court, where Recorder Smith dismissed the charge of disorderly conduct made by Brunetti. Bradley lives in an old blacksmith shop near the Lackawanna Railroad. On account of the unsanitary condition of the place the Tenement House Commissioner ordered the owner to have the building vacated under penalty of a heavy fine. After ordering the tenant to get out by September 1, the landlord came around for his rent, which Bradley, it is said, refused to pay, and the trouble followed.

Resolution of Protest.

The South Orange village Board of Trustees passed the following resolution Monday night:

"Whereas, The theory and practice of equal taxation demands that all properties shall be assessed upon the same proportion of actual value in order that all taxpayers shall pay their just share of local, county and State taxes; and

"Whereas, It appears from the reports to the County Board of Taxation of the assessors of South Orange township, Bloomfield, West Orange and Orange, that a lower standard of value of properties for purposes of taxation has been assumed in those municipalities than was fixed in this village; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That in behalf of the taxpayers of the village of South Orange this board presents to the County Board of Taxation its protest against the confirmation of the assessments reported from the municipalities named, and that the clerk be directed to lodge a copy of this protest with the county board."

An Appeal to Civic Pride.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN: Sir: Some time ago the Board of Trade had under way an illustrated publication, setting forth the many desirable features of Bloomfield as an attractive place of residence. The brochure has, I believe, been issued.

One of the most beautiful features of Bloomfield is the superb "Green" in the heart of the town, with the old historic "First Church" at the upper end. Over 100 years ago, this public playground, including the magnificent old elms which rear their lofty tops in symmetrical regularity from end to end of both Broad street and the park, was donated through the benevolence and civic pride of one of Bloomfield's most honored citizens, and if I am correctly informed the trees were planted by his own hand, or under his immediate direction.

Bloomfield takes a worthy pride in this beautiful section of its environment. Strangers, upon first seeing it, stop in admiration of its magnificent vistas, and no other asset in the whole town is capable of exercising such a powerful influence to induce strangers to locate here.

Following an unwritten law all residents in the vicinity of the park, have built their tasteful dwellings back from the curb line and have added to the attractiveness of the locality by careful attention to their lawns and ornamental shrubbery. The "Green" itself has been considered too sacred to profane by horse's hoof, and its whole surface is laboriously out by hand-mower at public expense.

The Governor of our State recently publicly protested against the vile practice of disfiguring our lines of travel by signboards and painted announcements on rocks and fences. Hundreds of editorials have been written also protesting against this same abuse. Every lover of the aesthetic, every citizen of Bloomfield who prides himself upon the beauty of our incomparable park, is shocked with disgust at the erection of a blatant signboard on the corner formerly occupied by the old library building. The grounds are also entirely neglected, and weeds are allowed to grow two or three feet high on both sides of the walk.

While possibly there may be no law to prevent this disgrace, the few dollars rental paid for the privilege of erecting this sign does not compensate for the shock to all persons of taste, who universally condemn this impudent intrusion, not only on account of its offense to good taste, but also because it is already becoming a nuisance for another reason. It is hoped that the Board of Trade and Civic Union can take some action whereby this objectionable sign will be removed.

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Signed MRS. FRANKLIN A. STONE,
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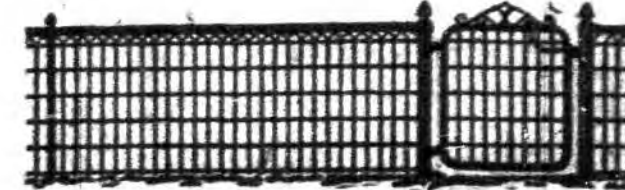
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